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KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT INSTRUCTIONS SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP 2021

Dear Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Club President:

Following are club instructions for this year's Sophomore of the Year Scholarship program. These forms are also available on the T-O Foundation web site at www.tofoundation.com. This form and the scholarship application are sent to all T-O Kiwanis Club Presidents and Secretaries. **If your division does not have a Lt. Governor, contact your Texas-Oklahoma District Trustee for instructions on where to forward your club's winning student application. Lt. Governor and District Trustee information is available on the District website or in the 2020-2021 District Directory. A Lt. Governor list that includes District Trustee contact information for Divisions without a Lt. Governor is part of this packet.**

Your high school will not receive applications. Your club is responsible seeing that forms are available to each of the high schools, public or parochial. Forms are available on Foundation website, www.tofoundation.com. This scholarship is for ANY High School Sophomore, not just Key Club members.

Please encourage participation in this great program. The Texas-Oklahoma Foundation will name the winners at the TX-OK District Convention in August, 2021 in Edmond, OK. This is a great program to encourage sophomores to start thinking about their college education and scholarship money. **The value of this scholarship is \$600 and the Foundation awards 20 scholarships per year.**

Please follow the guidelines below:

1. Give each school the website where they can download the forms and instructions.
2. Applications are due back to the student's school counselor by **March 5, 2021**.
3. You, Your Youth Services Chairman or your designee should pick up completed applications no later than **March 12, 2021**

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4. Your club will pick **one** nominee to send to your Lt. Governor. You or your Youth Services Chair should fill in the name of your club, division number, and the name of your Lt. Governor at the bottom of the application, and that notification **must be postmarked by April 9, 2021**. If your division does not have a Lt. Governor, send the application to your Texas-Oklahoma District Trustee. **The April 9, 2021 postmark date still applies**. PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR SELECTION MEETS THE GUIDELINES GIVEN. You are encouraged to notify students whose applications were not selected. If the application was rejected for "not in accordance with the instructions" that fact should be included in the reply.
5. Your Lt. Governor or Trustee will determine one finalist from your Division, and send that application and certification form to the SOTY Chair.
6. **The winners will be announced in August, 2021 at the Kiwanis District Convention in Edmond, OK.** Award letters and redemption instructions will be sent to the sponsoring Kiwanis club for the winning student.
7. Letters of regret will be sent to those not chosen for a scholarship at the District level. **Lt. Governors** should notify each club in their division which application is submitted to the SOTY Chair for judging at the district level. **Clubs** should notify their applicants about their choice.
8. The 2021 Sophomore of The Year Chair is:

To Be Determined

Notifications will be made at a later date.

**DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE. SEND YOUR CLUB'S
NOMINEE APPLICATION TO YOUR LT. GOVERNOR OR YOUR DISTRICT
TRUSTEE, POSTMARKED BY APRIL 10, 2020.
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

A Lt. Governor/Trustee List is included to this packet.

Please take this opportunity to publicize your club's participation by submitting pictures and articles about the presentation in your local newspapers.

For the T-O Foundation,



John Curlee, President



Sophomore of the Year History

Walter Hurst was a long-time member of the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation Board and financial supporter of the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation.

He proposed and lobbied the Texas-Oklahoma Board for three years to start a scholarship fund for sophomores. Finally, in 1979-80* they agreed to start the “Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year Scholarship.” In recent years, the program has normally been referred to as “Sophomore of the Year or SOTY.”

The Scholarship award is not based on academics, but on leadership qualities. A goal is to seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores, and to encourage and prepare the next generation of civic and corporate leadership for America's future.

A second goal is to help sophomores gain experience and confidence in following written instructions when applying for scholarships.

A third goal is to educate people in the schools and communities about the Kiwanis organization. The number of scholarships awarded from year to year depends on the amount of money available from the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation. Each club in the District is asked to contribute a minimum of \$10 per member as an annual gift to the Foundation. Special recognition is given to District clubs for a gift of \$10 per member.

The District SOTY awardees will receive a congratulatory letter that includes instructions on how to redeem the award after enrolling in a college or university.

In addition to the scholarships given at the district level, many clubs award scholarships from their club fund. The Foundation requests that clubs giving scholarships use a name slightly different as to avoid confusion when the time comes for the students to receive their funds.

*According to the late, Past Governor, Marvin Sapaugh, the first convention where the Sophomore of the Year Scholarship recipients were selected and recognized was the 1980 Texas-Oklahoma District Convention in Oklahoma City.

**Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation
2021 Sophomore of the Year Calendar**

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	Last Day: 5 Club Representative Delivers SOTY Applications to School & Explain Program to Counselors	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	Last Day 5 Student Application Due in Counselor's Office	6
7	8	9	10	11	Last Day: 12 Club representative picks up applications from school	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Clubs judge applications and select ONE (1) to forward to their Lt. Governor or Trustee						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Postmarked by: 9 Clubs forward their club nominee to Lt. Governor or Trustee if Division has no Lt. Governor	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	Postmarked by: 14 Lt. Governor Sends Div. Nominee to SOTY Chair	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June 2021

July 2021

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Winners Announced at District Convention						



Instructions to Students for Completing **Sophomore of the Year** 2021 Scholarship Application

The value of this scholarship is \$600

- DUE DATE:** The completed application must be returned to the School counselor by **March 5, 2021**.
- SECTION I:** Complete Section I by typing or printing on the application. Sign the application and have a parent or guardian sign the application. *The name of the Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Lt. Governor or Trustee, and Division number will be completed by the local Kiwanis club.*
- SECTION II:** Section II Each of the four (4) components is to be typed or printed on a separate page **in the requested format**, and attached to Section I. Please put your name at the top of each page(s), followed on the next line by the name of your high school

These scholarships are available to sophomores in Texas and Oklahoma. Each Kiwanis Club within these states will nominate one individual to their Divisional Lt. Governor. The Lt. Governor will then select a single nominated individual to represent their division, and then submit the application and essay to the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation. Out of the 37 active divisions in Texas-Oklahoma 20 nominated individuals will be awarded the Sophomore of the Year scholarship. Notifications will come directly from the Foundation but may be delivered by your local Kiwanis Club.

Winners will be announced at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention, In August 2021. A representative of your local Kiwanis Club will notify the winners.

Scholarship redemption instructions will be included in the award letter.

When the scholarship is requested by the student, the funds will be forwarded to the college, university, or technical school to be applied in the student's name.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

GOOD LUCK!



Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year Application Form 2021

Section I

Type or Print Application

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grade _____

We attest to all of the facts contained in this application and we give permission for the information to be used in publication.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Print Parent/ Guardian's name

School District: _____

High School: _____

Principal: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Name of local Newspaper: _____

Newspaper Address: _____

The following two lines will be completed by the Kiwanis Club

SPONSORING KIWANIS CLUB: _____

Kiwanis Lt. Governor: _____ Division #: _____
(or Trustee if no Lt. Governor)



Photo Release

**This completed form MUST accompany the
2021 Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation
Sophomore of the Year application.**

The Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation has my permission to use my or my child's photograph publically to promote the foundation and its philanthropy. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications; websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me or my child by reason of such use.

Applicant's Signature (if 18 or older)

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed)

Applicant's Name (if under 18 years of age)

Phone number

E-mail



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NOTE: Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification!

SECTION II

Section II has four (4) components. **The answer for each component is to be on a separate sheet of paper.** At the top of each page, type or print your name on the next line enter the name of your high school and list the page title on the third line. Each of your answers are to be on a single page, double spaced, with a font size of 10 or larger.

1. List the clubs and organizations of which you are, or have been a member, and offices you have held. Briefly discuss an office or organization that has been especially meaningful to you. Title this page "**Organizations**".
2. How have you demonstrated LEADERSHIP ABILITY? Leadership may be defined as the ability to motivate others into action (Examples of demonstrating leadership are: Success in a youth organization, student government, school and community organizations, participation in athletic, dance, fine arts, effectively communicating to others either orally or in writing, by reaching others, etc.) Title this page "**Leadership**".
3. How have you shown the DESIRE TO LEARN AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE with others? (Examples of these desires are: asking questions and volunteering answers, joining discussion groups that are not required, researching a topic on your own and offering to share your discovery with others, etc). Title this page "**Knowledge and Experience**".
4. Volunteering or "serving" your community is an important aspect of the Kiwanis organization. Do you feel there is a need for young people, like yourself, to be involved in service to your community? Why or why not? Title this page "**Volunteering and Service**".

THIS APPLICATION IS DUE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR ON OR BEFORE MARCH 5, 2021.